



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Jordan, Heather

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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 31, 2006, and further to Applicants' Amendment and Response to Advisory Action dated October 14, 2005, Applicants submit herewith this Supplemental Amendment and Reply.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account.

This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
  - in ascending order;
  - with status identifiers; and
  - with markings in the currently amended claims;

(C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.